

NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU

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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF JOB

Job 42:1-6 Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

II. FOUR KEYS TO A SPIRITUAL RESET

1. *Align Your Perspective*

Job 42:1-2 Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

A. **Alignment #1: God is greater than we realize.**

Job 38:1-33

B. **Alignment #2: God is greater than our challenges.**

Job 38:19-21 “What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years!”

C. **Alignment #3: God is gracious to His children.**

2. *Embrace Humility*

Job 42:3 You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

A. **Humility is essential to personal and spiritual progress.**

Job 40:3-5 Then Job answered the LORD: “I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer— twice, but I will say no more.”

Job 40:8 “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?”

B. There is no reset without responsibility.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool.

C. It is healthy to recognize that there are things that we just do not and may not ever understand.

3. Look for a Personal Encounter with God

Job 42:4-5 “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.”

A. Ask God to give you a fresh encounter with His presence.

Psalms 73:15-17 If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

B. Put yourself in a position to experience the presence of God.

4. Less Of Me. More Of God.

Job 42:6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

A. Our lives are spiritually reset when we focus on who God is more than we fixate on who we are.

B. God is not our enemy. God is our friend.

Psalms 73:23-28 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

C. Do you need a reset?